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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/801,945	<b>Applicant(s)</b> OKAMURA, EIJI	
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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-10, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hereinafter Ferguson et al (Hereinafter Ferguson U.S Patent 5, 966, 697).

As per claim 1, Ferguson discloses an electronic commercial transaction system comprising: a first electronic commercial transaction system that handles the placing or receiving of orders, and a second electronic commercial transaction system that provides transactions related to the processing derived from the order placing or receiving handled by the first electronic commercial transaction system.(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 2, Ferguson discloses an electronic commercial transaction system as recited in claim 1, wherein a second electronic commercial transaction system is activated upon receipt of order placing or receiving information that is transmitted from the first electronic commercial transaction system. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 3, Ferguson discloses wherein at least either the first electronic commercial transaction system or the second electronic commercial transaction system provides transactions by a bidding process. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 4, Ferguson discloses wherein the first electronic commercial

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transaction system is involved in transactions with at least one of the following: materials wholesalers, processors, manufacturing wholesalers, intermediary wholesalers, and retail stores. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 5, Ferguson discloses wherein the second electronic commercial transaction system provides a transaction that is at least one of the following: payment of the fee that accompanies the placing or receiving of an order, processing of the goods for which an order was placed or received, packaging of the goods for which an order was placed or received, collection/delivery and shipping of the goods for which an order was placed or received, processing of the labels attached to the goods for which an order was placed or received, processing of tags that identify the goods, processing of tags that identify the origin of manufacture, or processing of tags that identify the origin of sale. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 6, Ferguson discloses an wherein the information provided by the second electronic commercial transaction system is at least either the fee or processing time related to the processing derived from the order place or received with the first electronic commercial transaction system. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 7, Ferguson discloses wherein the second electronic commercial transaction system provides information that is related to the processing derived from the placed or received order handled by the first electronic commercial transaction system and includes a plurality of information for the same item to enable comparison. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 8, Ferguson discloses wherein the first electronic commercial transaction system provides transactions related to at least either fabric or secondary

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materials of clothing items or accessories. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 9, Ferguson discloses wherein the second electronic commercial transaction system provides transactions related to the sewing of clothing and accessories. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

As per claim 10, Ferguson discloses wherein the first electronic commercial transaction system provides transactions related to at least one of the following: clothing items, shoes, bags, wallets, or accessories. .(see column 2 lines 16-61 and column 4 lines 1-67 and column 7 lines 62-67 and column 8 lines 1-67 and column 9-10 lines 1-67 and note fig:2-7).

#### Conclusion

3. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicants disclosure.

Norris (US Patent 5, 940, 811) teaches closed loop financial transaction method and apparatus.

Toohey (US 6, 405, 176 Patent) teaches method for processing multiple electronic shopping carts.

Anderson (US 5, 283, 829 Patent) teaches system and method for paying bill electronically.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clement B Graham whose telephone number is 703-305-1874. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on 703-308-0505. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-0040 for regular communications and 703-305-0040 for After Final communications.

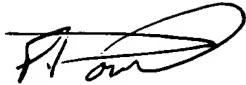
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